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❖ *New Federal Grant Will Support RCC Workforce Development*

Roxbury Community College will receive approximately $785,000 in a federal grant for workforce development and job training as part of the $20 million allotted to a consortium representing the 15 community colleges in Massachusetts The grants were announced last month by the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Education. With this funding—the third highest federal grant awarded to the College this year—RCC will implement the Power Pathways to Careers program, an education and career training curriculum that prepares participants for high-skill, high-wage jobs.

❖ *Balfour Grant Will Strengthen RCC Nursing Program*

The clinical simulation laboratory for the nursing curriculum at Roxbury Community College received major support from the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation which announced last month that it will award the College a $200,000 grant. Both the Distribution Committee for the Balfour Foundation and Bank of America, a Trustee of the Foundation, expressed pleasure in partnering with RCC.

❖ *RCC Recognized as an Achieving the Dream Leader College*

Roxbury Community College was recently named an "Achieving the Dream Leader College" by Achieving the Dream, Inc. (ATD), a national nonprofit dedicated to helping more community college students, particularly low-income students and students of color, stay in school and earn a college certificate or degree. RCC was first recognized as an Achieving the Dream College in 2007. Now, four years later, RCC has been designated as an ATD Leader College. As a Leader College, RCC joins an elite group of 52 institutions from across the country among the 160 community colleges in the ATD network. ATD Leader Colleges are recognized based on the following four principles: committed leadership, use of evidence to improve programs and services, broad engagement, and systematic institutional improvement.

❖ *New Learner-Centered Classrooms Launched At RCC*

RCC faculty and staff were on hand last month as President Terrence A. Gomes and Vice President Brenda Mercomes presided over a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to launch several new Title III funded, learner-centered classrooms. The classrooms are part of the Developing Academic Readiness through Technology (DART) project. The DART project is a five-year, $2 million effort aimed at improving student persistence and graduation rates by utilizing technology.

❖ *Floating Farm Stands at Roxbury Community College*

Although summer is over, you can still purchase fresh produce at RCC's weekly floating farm stand and plant sale Tuesdays and Thursday on the first floors of the Administration and Academic Buildings. For more information, e-mail Professor Nasreen Latif at nlatif@rcc.mass.edu.

EVENTS AT ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

❖ *Roxbury Repertory Theater Presents "To Kill a Mockingbird"*

Director Marshall Hughes weaves live music in this new production based on Harper Lee's beloved novel. Performance dates: Thursday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Friday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 22, 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Friday, October 28, 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 29, 2:00 p.m. Performances will be held at the Media Arts Center Mainstage at Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and seniors. RCC students with a valid ID are admitted free.

❖ *Hispanic Heritage Celebration at RCC*

Arthur K. Spears, Ph.D is the featured speaker for RCC's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Professor Spears' topic will be "What's Black and African About Spanish and English in the Americas." The event will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, in the Media Arts Center Mainstage. A light lunch will follow Professor Spears' presentation.

❖ *Acclaimed Author, Walter Mosley, to Speak at RCC*

Walter Mosley, "one of the most versatile and admired writers in America today" will speak at Roxbury Community College on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Mosley, the recipient of many awards for his writing, will speak in the Media Arts Center Mainstage . There will be a book signing by Mr. Mosley following his talk.